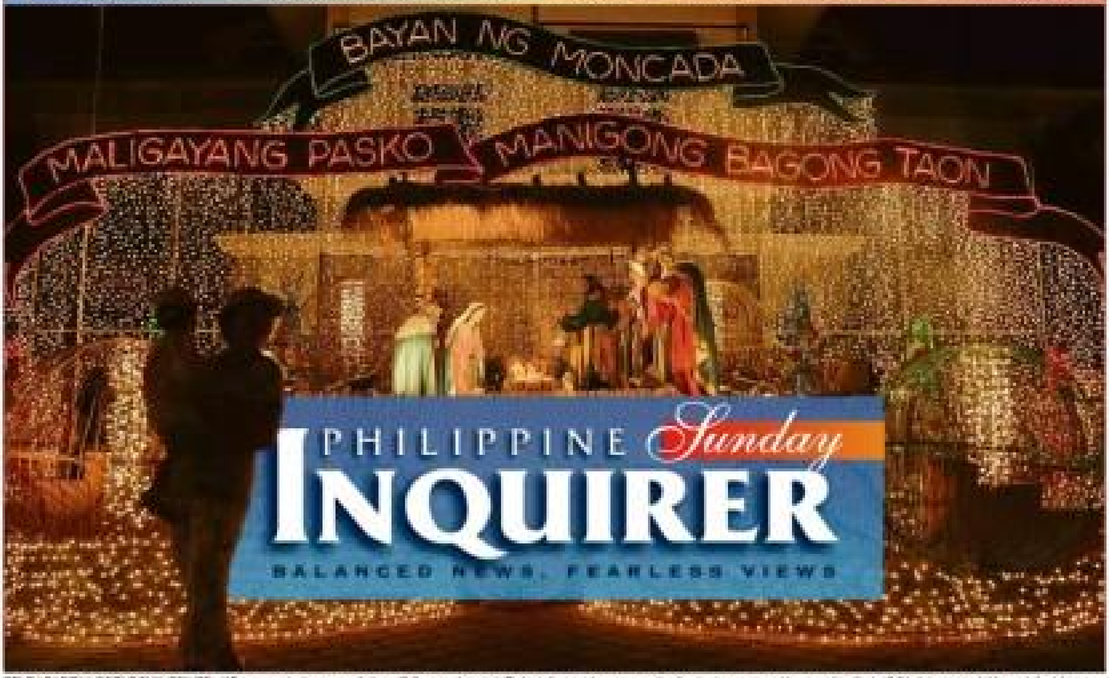
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

BELEN CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES If Pampanga is the country's "parol" (lantern) capital, Tarlac is fast gaining a reputation for the ingenuity and beauty of its "belen" (Nativity scenes). Moncada's elaborate belen is just one of so many unique Christmas tableaus that are lighting up all 18 towns of Tarlac this season and attracting holiday tourists.

'It's in our nat'l interest'

Noy says fate of doomed Pinoys in China behind Oslo snub

By Julie Lobog-Javellana and DJ Yap

THE FILIPINOS' interest first.

And the Philippine government stayed away from the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to a Chinese democracy activist because the lives of at least five Filipinos with no reprieve on death row in China are at stake.

Not sending a representative to the Nobel ceremony for detained Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo does not mean the Philippines is not championing democracy and human rights, President Aquino said.

It is just that the human rights and lives of Filipinos come first, Mr. Aquino candidly told the Inquirer. The government position drew howls of protest from human rights advocates here and abroad.

"Our interest [is] to advance our citizens' needs first," he said on Friday night, adding that he did not want to jeopardize efforts to spare five Filipinos sentenced to death for drug trafficking in China.

He said he had already sent a letter to the Chinese government seeking clemency for the doomed Filipino workers.

It was the first time Mr. Aquino, the only son of the late democracy icons

IT'S/A20

Only less than 10 cases in truth body against GMA

By Christian V. Esguerra and Norman Bordadora

BEFORE it was struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court earlier this week, the Philippine Truth Commission had received more than 50 complaints of corruption against the previous Arroyo administration.

Less than 10 of the cases mentioned former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, said commissioner Carlos Medina.

"If only people could see the complaints filed so far, if only we would be allowed to operate first, they would know that the former president is not being targeted," he said.

ONLY/A21

GMA lawyer gives Aquino ammo vs SC

By Christian V. Esguerra

TAKE IT from Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's legal eagle.

Romulo Macalintal yesterday said there was a sorrie piece of ammunition that President Aquino's legal team could use in contesting the Supreme Court's ruling that Executive Order No. 1 creating

GMA/A21



TELLING THE FILIPINO STORY TO THE WORLD

Editors' Note: For 25 days, we will be telling stories about the Inquirer to mark the paper's 25th anniversary on Dec. 9, 2010. Some are little inside stories but impacting on how we cover unfolding events; some are much-like day stories that become talk of the town types; others are turning point stories that have changed the landscape of history; still others, big or small, seize the heart and never let go. But whatever, the Inquirer will tell you the story.

Small town survives with big heart

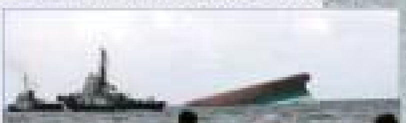
By Tarra Quismundo

I FOUND the Filipino heart on an island struggling through its worst disaster.

With a backpack, a pack of Oreos and a lot of courage, I landed on Sibuyan Island on June 24, 2008, anxious about my toughest assignment yet: to cover the search and retrieval operations in the aftermath of the sinking of the MV Princess of the Stars.

But beyond the grim stories of lives lost and lives changed, I saw—and experienced—a town with a big heart. The townsfolk of San Fernando welcomed strangers like long-lost friends, selflessly sharing themselves and the little left of their resources even when they had to make do.

SMALL/A10



DEAD IN THE WATER Sibuyan Island residents gather on the shoreline of Sibuyan Island to observe the retrieval operation of MV Princess of the Stars.

Alive and well on Tuesdays with Gani

By Isagani Yambot
Publisher

DURING HIS trial for allegedly "corrupting" the youth of Athens, Socrates, in his Apology (the Greek word apologia means a defense), said that "[t]he unexamined life is not worth living." (The Greek word bios used by Socrates means "a way of life" rather than just biological life.) Paraphrasing Socrates, the Inquirer family believes that the unexamined newspaper is not worth reading. That is why the Inquirer undergoes constant examination by its editors and business officers, to see how it can be improved and probably even reinvented.

The Inquirer is examined every day (at the daily meeting of the deskeds and other senior editors), every week (at the Tuesday editorial assessment meeting), every other week (at the executive committee meeting) and almost every quarter (at the management meeting). It is probably the most thoroughly "examined" paper in the country today.

As publisher, I preside over the editorial assessment meeting which is held every Tuesday

ALIVE/A4

JDV: Free all political prisoners

By Michael Lim Ubac

HOW about making it an all-encompassing, equal-opportunity amnesty?

Former House Speaker Jose de Venecia yesterday said President Aquino's order directing state prosecutors to drop criminal charges against the health workers collectively known as the "Morong 43" should be extended to cover all political prisoners, whether communist rebels or mutinous soldiers.

According to De Venecia, a general amnesty would "reduce many tensions" and enhance the Philippines' reputation as a "role model" for liberal democracy in Asia.

The former congressman made the proposal a day after Mr. Aquino directed the justice department to withdraw the charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives against the health workers who were arrested while reportedly attending a seminar in a rest house in Morong, Rizal, last February on suspicion of being communist rebels.

In a press conference that he called in his Makati home yesterday, De Venecia said the order to free the Morong 43 should be expanded into an "inclusive" amnesty, in which all political detainees, whether of the extreme left or right, can partake.

"In all these peacemaking, you have to be inclusive, not exclusive or discriminatory. The key to coalition building whether in Congress, or in unifying our country, is to give each

JDV/A11

Second FrontPage



P-Noy to 'Morong 43': Don't expect apology

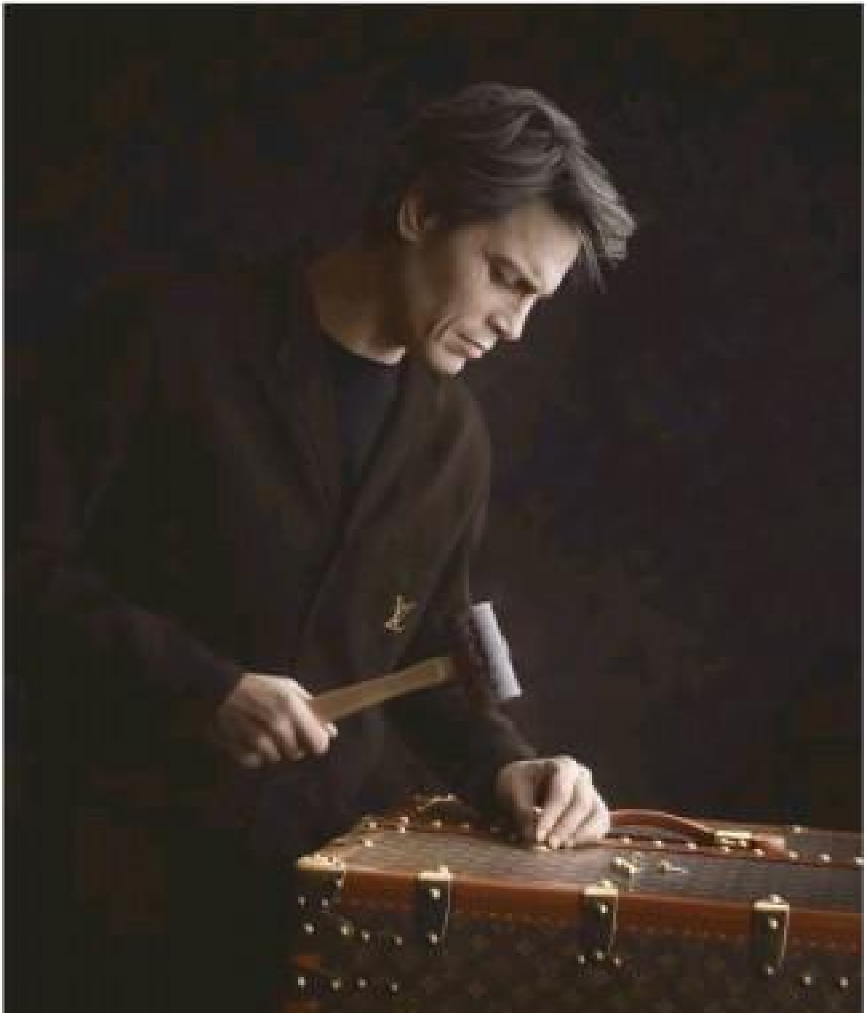
PRESIDENT Aquino doesn't approve of the Armed Forces of the Philippines offering an apology to the "Morong 43" even though he ordered the Department of Justice (DOJ) to withdraw the criminal information against the detained health workers on account of evidence illegally obtained by the military against them.

RP, US troops to stay at hotel in Luisita

'It takes all residents to make villages grow'

'Balangay' finally coming home

Felix K. Maramba Jr., captain of industry; 85



THE TRUNK-MAKER AND THE "S" LOCK

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LOUIS VUITTON

Alive and well on Tuesdays with Gani

Good and bad



HITS AND MISSES:

Ho-hum

Common errors

Journalist's code



Self-regulation is future for BPOs, says labor chief

Smart, WWF push energy ed



The Daily Gospel

Sunday, December 12, 2010



Docs urge DOH to remove abortifacients from inventory

By Cynthia D. Balana and Philip C. Tubeza

Dr. Fe del Mundo Medical Center

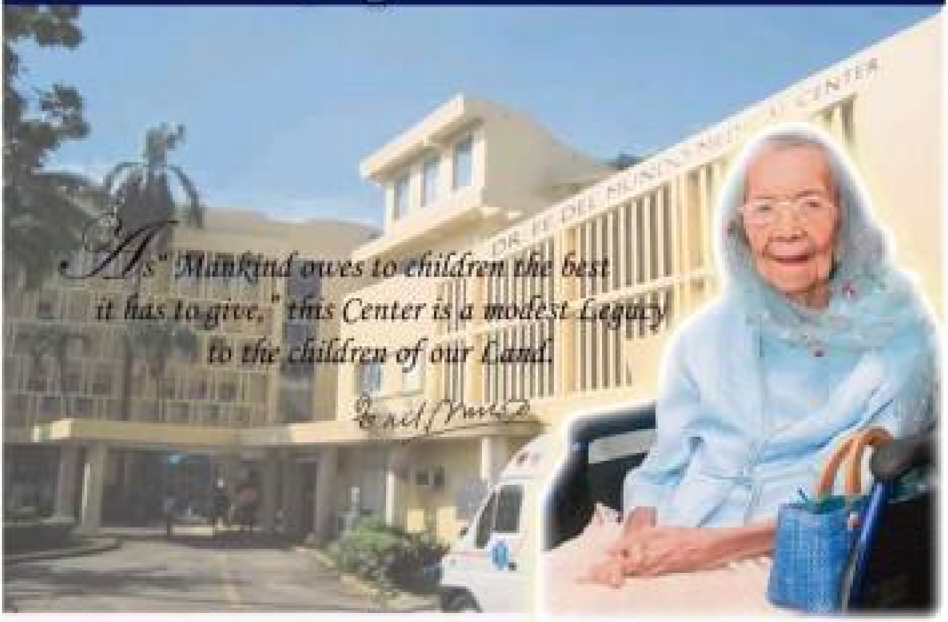
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Indon police nab top terror suspect

PH, UK discuss new cap on immigration

Sandigan finds Cebu officials guilty of graft

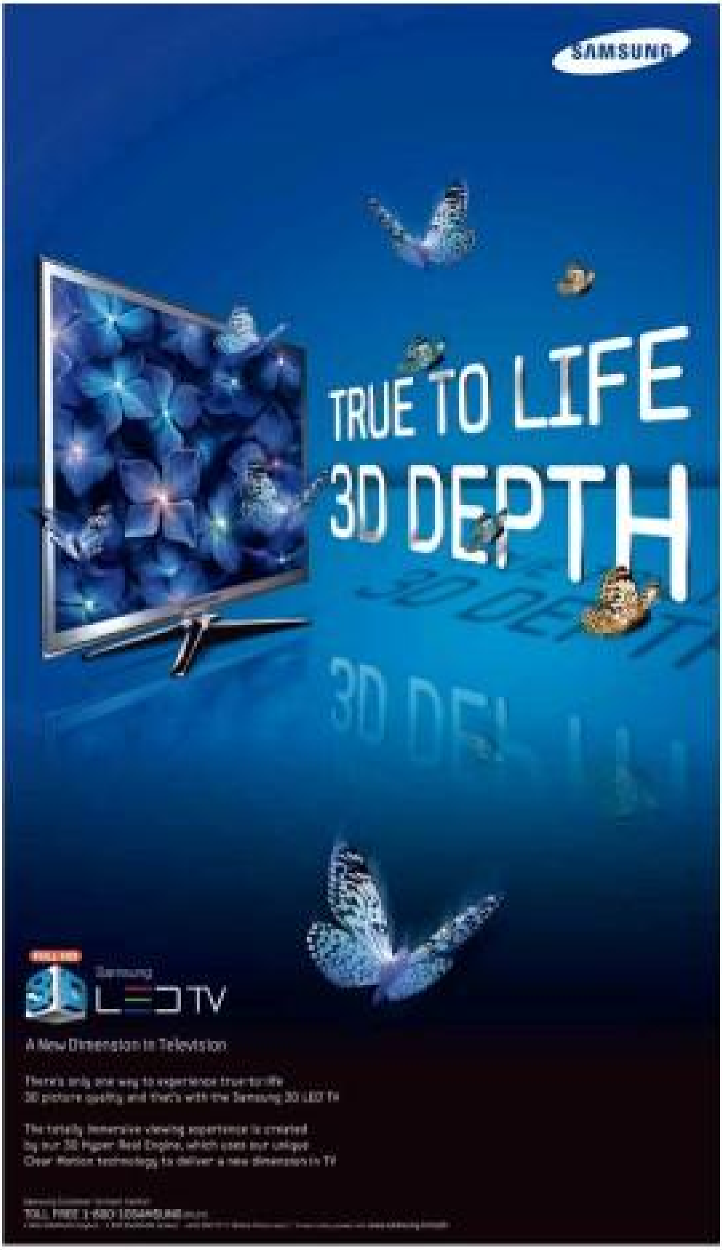
Ampatuan kin insists he was not at killing field

By Julie M. Aurelio



Military IDs kidnappers of MSU studes

Immigration guards sacked over escape





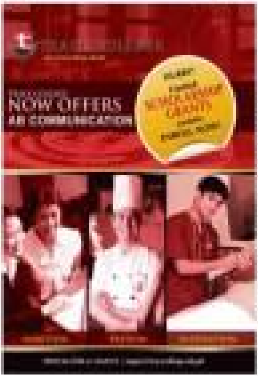


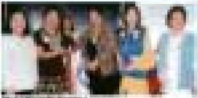


Small town survives with big heart

Filipino victims of American pedophile given trust funds

Couple gets jail for fooling Pinoys





Raped, jailed Pinay given every assistance, says DFA



[illegible] seeking new head





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Respectfully

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TALK of the TOWN

18 arguments on population issue

REPRODUCTIVE health is now the focus of much talk as Congress starts hearings on RH bills. This article scans through the many arguments (pros and cons) of the debate. The sources cited below can be found easily via an Internet search.

ARGUMENT 1: Rapid population growth slows down a nation's economic rise.



2009 GDP per capita

ARGUMENT 2: The Philippines will be as poor as Somalia by 2050 because of rapid population growth.

ARGUMENT 3: Big families tend to be poorer.

2000 Poverty incidence

ARGUMENT 4: Social services are hard pressed to keep up with population growth.

ARGUMENT 5: The country is congested.

Population density

ARGUMENT 6: The world is congested.

ARGUMENT 7: The total fertility rate (TFR) of the Philippines has been falling anyway.

Asean TFR

ARGUMENT 8: Aging or populations that lack working youth are a real problem.

Argument 9: Family planning is a popular demand among the people.

ARGUMENT 10: Family planning methods need not induce abortion.

ARGUMENT 11: The IUD may cause abortion.

ARGUMENT 12: The birth control pill may cause abortion.

ARGUMENT 13: Birth control injectables or shots may cause abortion.

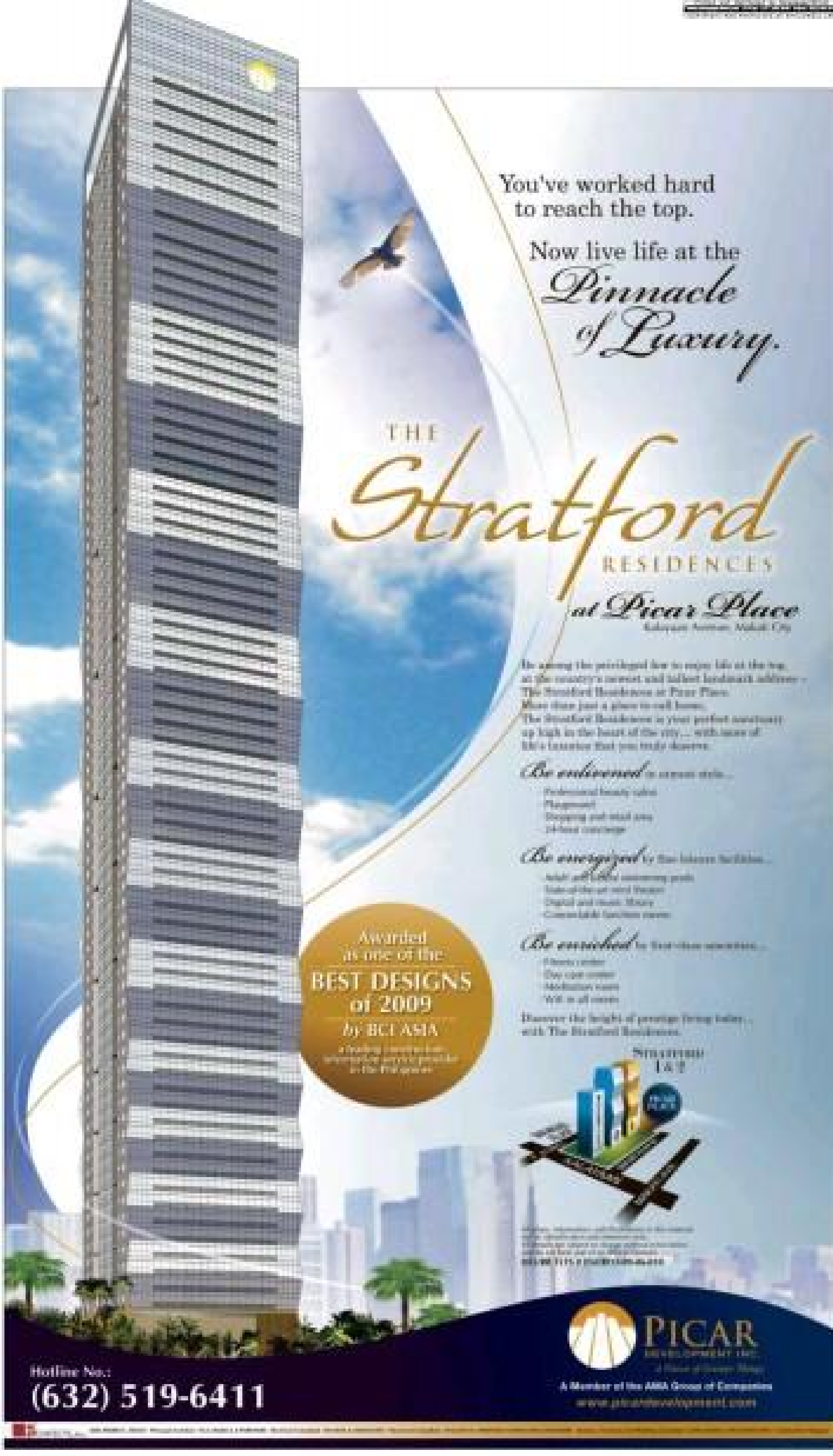
ARGUMENT 14: Many would object to saying the said methods may cause abortion.

ARGUMENT 15: Condoms promote promiscuity.

ARGUMENT 16: Natural family planning (NFP) methods protect the family.

ARGUMENT 17: But the rhythm/calendar method does not work.

ARGUMENT 18: The Standard Days Method (SDM) is much simpler.



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Across the NATION

Gov sticks to open pit mining ban

Top South Cotabato exec says he has to do his job

KORONADAL CITY—South Cotabato Gov. Arthur Pingoy on Friday said he has to enforce the ban on open pit mining in the province because he believed it was not illegal.

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Protesters

[illegible]

Mining Act

[illegible]

Bishop's letter

[illegible]



CRAZY OVER NUTS

[illegible]

Korea offers hope for bridges in Visayas

[illegible]

Baguio proponents of snow fantasy won't give up

[illegible]

86-year-old 'Commander' cited for rights work

[illegible]



[illegible]

PEOPLE

Treasurer missing; town vault empty

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INQUIRER Mindanao

Tales from children inspire adults

MAYOR Rommel Arnado of Kauswagan town in Lanao del Norte could not hide his emotions as he read "Ang Bagong Gulo" before some 50 pupils from public elementary schools.



A DIFFERENT setting for the Inquirer Read-along session in Davao City.

North Cotabato

Tawi-tawi

Cagayan de Oro

Davao City

'I know that many of the children found relevance from the story of Dadoy who was often bullied by children at his school. I am sure that many of them are also victims of bullying ...'

Defense ties with US still on top

By Norman Bordadora

VFA review



BACK TO BARANGAY

It's in our nat'l interest, says Noy

3 other reasons

High-level, low-key

'US-led issue'?

Not between US, China

China admits close PH-US relations

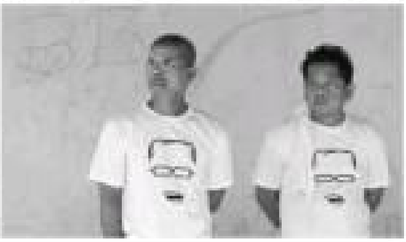
By DJ Yap

WikiLeaks

Spratlys dispute







LET'S GET SERIOUS NOW

JDV: Free all leftist, rightist prisoners



369 political detainees

Final peace deal at hand

Past amnesties

GMA lawyer gives Aquino ammo vs SC

Dismissed petition

'Horribly inadequate'

Only less than 10 cases in truth body ...

Next specific individual

Not keen on impeachment

Anticorruption gains negated



News



"BELENISMO sa Tarlac," an annual event intended to showcase the creativity and cultural heritage of the province, sees Tarlac's 18 towns depicting the Nativity story in their belen creations. Photo shows Moncada town's elaborate version.

For Tarlac, Christmas is all about the 'belen'

By Jo Martinez-Clemente
Inquirer Central Luzon

'Belen capital'

European roots

Franciscan Order

Telling a story

A plus **METRO**

'BARKADA' FOR A CAUSE

Gang of 9 school buddies pays it forward

BUDDIES for 15 years now, this gang of nine decided one fine day to pay it forward by giving inspirational, informative talks to teachers and students for free.

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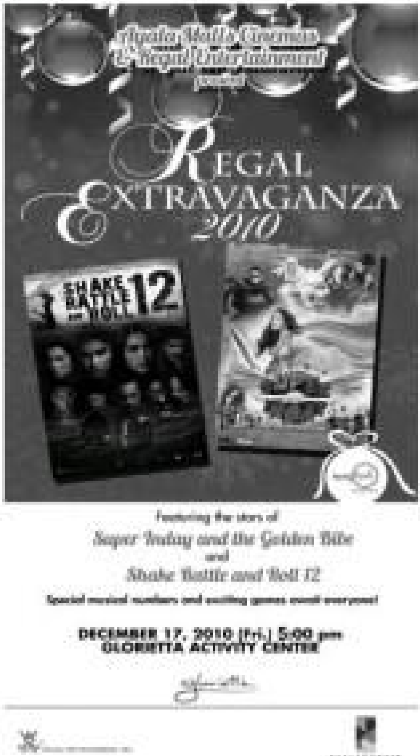


DI Foundation's Jolson Capiles: "Barkada" agrees with the group with a dose of social responsibility

















Gang of 9 ...

‘Diggings suspended until Jan. 2’

MetroBriefs

Stolen fighting cocks recovered

GLOBAL Pinoy

Tarlaqueña leads campaign for differently-abled's civil rights in LA



Lillibeth Navarro was arrested 29 times during the fight to win the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. And she's ready to campaign to see similar rights passed and implemented here.

Legal pointers for migrants caught in US immigration crackdown

The WORLD

UK probes attack on Prince Charles' limo

LONDON—The British police promised an investigation into the attack on a limousine carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, and security experts and the news media raised questions on Friday about how the royal couple were placed into the potentially dangerous situation.

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New York Times News Service



WORLDBRIEFS

WikiLeaks' Assange moved to isolation in British jail

[illegible] *AP*

Iran airs new confession by woman in stoning case

[illegible] *AP*

Elizabeth Smart kidnapper found guilty by Utah jury

[illegible] *New York Times News Service*

Eccentric La Familia drug cartel chief killed, Mexico says

[illegible] *AP*

Sunday SPORTS

WHAT'S INSIDE



■ Nuggets snap 2-game slide /A29

■ Kiteboarding: Best riders judge best /A29



ROS faces Kings today

Murakami, Pagunsan 8 shots down

Three-way Gold Cup showdown today

Manila Sharks whip Bulls; Dolphins 3rd



PEACE AND UNITY SWIM

84 matches kick off B-League

Fil-Am spoils all-Patrimonio finals



Montiel ready for Donaire



Baguio boy bags gold in world wushu tilt

Quiñones wins Nat'l road race



SPORTSWATCH

Pasay stagfest under way

Unity swim sabotaged

IN HUDDLE



Rebb Celis

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Nuggets snap 2-game slide

Denver coach also gets 1,000th win

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435 runners out to dethrone Sabal, Martes

By Cedelf P. Tupas



SABAL



MARTES

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Incentives for record-breakers

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Oldest qualifiers

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Kiteboarding: Best riders judge best

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PH still BIMP Games host

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Toby's jr volley league on

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ABA-NBADL gives Pinoy international exposure

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SPORTS CENTRAL NOW HAS A NEW LOOK AT THE SM MALL OF ASIA



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MONICA TORRES: THREE TIMES THE FUN









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MONICA'S PICKS



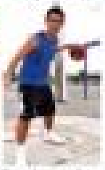


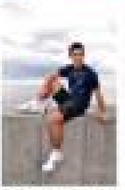


COCOY HERMOSISIMA: COURTSIDE COOL









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COCOY'S PICKS







KIRK LONG: THE CASUAL SET





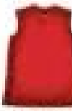


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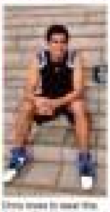






CHRIS SUMALINOG: HARDCOURT HEART THROB







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CHRIS' PICKS







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Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

Sunday Biz

In Baguio, students offered to invest in condos

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—It's common sense for businessmen in a university town to invest in student dorms, but in the last two years, capital has been flowing into high-end student condominiums.

A real estate firm, Golden Lands, has co[me] ... [illegible] with a marketing package that makes college students to spend P10,000 a month to buy their own condominium.

Evelyn Cayat, city planning officer, says the real estate market had always been Baguio's most robust industry, but the market's shift towards a student market began only recently.

"It appears to have been triggered by the universities themselves. Many colleges have started to expand, some outside Baguio," Cayat says.

More importantly, there is evidence that many Baguio residents, who graduate, elect to migrate to the summer capital and work here, says Jadi Guzman, Golden Lands' op[illegible]

BUSINESS B3



MINIATURE scale model of two-bedroom unit at North Cambridge, Bakakeng, Baguio City

Resolving to finish strong

A LEADER'S WAY



John C. Maxwell

Character

Sacrifice

Tenacity

Apple suppliers point to new camera-toting iPad in 2011



Taking the business out of giving

In Baguio, students offered to invest . . .









EL NIDO Resorts takes care of a small organic farm beside the airport.



A CANOE does of the resort trash for pick up by a banca—assures that the waste volume is small and well organized.





INSIDE one of the greenhouses managed by El Nido Resorts.



Aiming for zero waste management at El Nido Resorts in Palawan

Rock and roll business

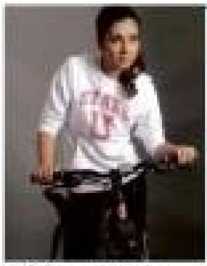






2010 TOSP unites to help with nation building

Sunday Biz


HOODIES are perennial best sellers

Rock and roll business that puts food on the table

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THERE ARE businesses that are developed and nurtured to put food on the table. And there are those that are kept going for "rock and roll". In other words, fun.

Moralding Romano, who was one of the first entrepreneurs to go into online commerce in 2000 with ... , considers himself very fortunate that his latest venture—Diliman Republic—is able to do both.

The idea to put up Diliman Republic was born in October 2008 out of the desire of the Math graduate of the University of the Philippines to give his own style of UP-inspired t-shirts and memorabilia to family and friends as Christmas gifts.

But Romano says that since he had to secure a license from the administration of UP to use UP trademarks such as the name, university seal and Oblation—considered the primary symbol of the country's premiere state university—on his shirts and other products, he thought he might as well make a business out of his Christmas plan.

Since he is not new to entrepreneurship—his list already includes the online marketplace, large format printing and distribution of air fresheners—it was not difficult for

B-ROLL B4


DILIMAN Republic goes after premium market

BPI Family Celebrates Thanksgiving *with* Partners *and* Clients


Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Chairman of BPI, keynotes the Partner Thanksgiving night


Hosting the event were Mr. Paolo Abrera and Ms. Issa Litton

It has been a triumphant 2010 for BPI Family Savings Bank and this year also marks its 25th year of service as the leading thrift bank in the country. As a way to give thanks to its valued clients, partner dealers, brokers, developers and various media who have supported the bank's numerous endeavors, BPI Family Savings Bank recently held a partner thanksgiving night at Republiq in Newport City, Manila.

The event was led by BPI Family President, Mr. Jose Teodoro "TG" Limcaoco and graced by the President and CEO of BPI, Mr. Aurelio Montinola III and keynoted by Ayala Corporation Chairman and CEO Mr. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala.

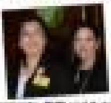
Says Mr. Limcaoco, "Through this event, we want to start a tradition of formally thanking and recognizing our valuable partners who have helped us exceed our business goals and become the country's leading thrift bank. Instead of just selling loans, we like to believe we are in the business of fulfilling dreams by helping our clients obtain their dream cars and homes and build up their small and medium businesses. Together with our partners in the various automotive, real estate and SME industries, we commit to sustain the growth we have achieved with you and further strengthen our relationship as we move forward."

The thanksgiving night was attended by representatives from BPI Family Bank's top industry partners such as Ms. Elizabeth Lee, President of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines (CAMPI), Mr. Paolo Tibig, President of the Association of Filipino Franchisers, Inc. (AFFI), Ms. Elizabeth Pardo-Orbeta, President of the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA) and Mr. Ramon Lopez, Executive Director of Go Negosyo.

Media luminaries such as Mr. Mike Enriquez of DZRH-GMA Network, Ms. Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, President and CEO of the Philippine Daily Inquirer; Ms. Grace Glory Go, Executive Vice President of the Philippine Star; Ms. Lisa Gokongwei-Cheng, President of Summit Media; Mr. John Aguilar, President of Philippine Realty TV; and Mr. Carl Cunanan, Editorial and Managing Director of C! Magazine were also present. They were recognized as media partners who have been the bank's voice in expressing its commitment to its customers and communicating its various programs and achievements to the Filipino people.

Other awardees included partner broker Ms. Josephine Gaston, partner developers Alveo Land, Avida Land, Ayala Land Premier, DMCI Holdings Incorporated, Greenfield Development Corporation, Megaworld Corporation, Robinsons Land Corporation, Sheng Properties Realty Corp., SM Development Corporation, Trans-Phil Builders Corporation, and Vista Land and Lifescapes Inc.; auto dealer partners Autohub Group, Ayala Automotive Group, Citimotors Group, Diamond Auto Group, Laus Auto Group, Lica Group of Companies, Sunny Motors Group, Toyota Alabang, and Union Motors Group.


Ms. Jojo Ocampo, SVP and Chief Marketing Officer of BPI (middle) with Media Partner Awardee Ms. Grace Glory Go, EVP of Phil Star & son Vernon Go

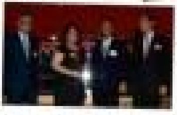

Ms. Elizabeth Pardo-Orbeta President of PFA & Ms. Cecily Rosas, VP & Commercial Loans Division Head of BFSB

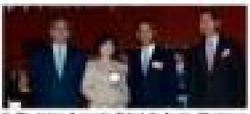

Dave Sarmiento, SVP and Auto Loans Division Head of BFSB with Manny Bengzon, former President of BFSB

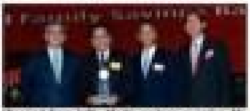

Susan Yu, Sales Director of Sheng Properties & Jocelyn Sta. Ana, SVP and Retail Mortgages Head of BFSB

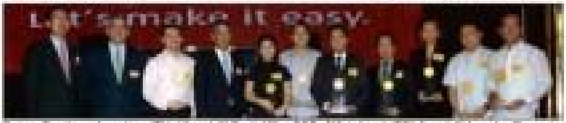

(L-R): Monica Hipolito, Marketing Consultant of PRTV; John Aguilar, President of PRTV; and Herbert Tuason, VP & Product Marketing Head of BFSB

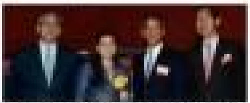

BFSB Valued Clients (L-R): Lawrence Lomabao, Brenda Lomabao, and Atty. Apolinario Lomabao Jr. with TG Limcaoco, President of BFSB and Aaron G. King, VP and BFSB branches Head


(Second from left) Ms. Josephine Gaston, BFSB top broker awardee


(L-R): Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Chairman of BPI; Ms. Elizabeth Lee, President of CAMPI; Aurelio Montinola III, President of BPI and Jose Teodoro Limcaoco, President of BFSB


(Second from left) Media partner awardee, Mr. Mike Enriquez, anchor of Saksi sa Dobol B


Partner Developer Awardees. (Third from left) Paolo Villar, COO of Vista Land; (Fifth from left) Lourdes Clemente, CFO of Megaworld; Bobby Dy, SVP & Head of Residential Business Group of Ayala Land, Inc.; Augusto Bengzon, Treasurer/SP of Ayala Land, Inc.; Lea Montenegro, President of Avida Land; Ellaine Lapenia, Treasurer of DMCI; Efren Tan, VP for Sales of SM Devt. Corp.; and Roland Garcia, owner of Trans-phil.


(Second from left) Media partner awardee, Ms. Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, President of Philippine Daily Inquirer


(L-R): Ms. Elizabeth Pardo-Orbeta, President of PFA; Mr. Paulo Tibig, President of AFFI; and Mr. Ramon Lopez, Executive Director of Go Negosyo, with BPI Executives.


(Second from left) Mr. Frederick Go, President of Robinsons Land, partner developer awardee


(Second from left): Lizette Laus-Nolasco, COO of Laus Auto Group; Fulgencio N. Ching, President of Citimotors Group; (Sixth from left) Tey Sornet, General Manager of Lica Group; Nona Ong, CFO of Ayala Automotive Group; Joaquin Palacios, General Manager of Autohub Group; George Bayhack, President of Diamond Motors Group; Leo Anthony San Juan, President of Sunny Motors Group; Jan Paglalitan, General Sales Manager of Toyota Alabang; and Anthony N. Chung, President of Union Motors


Media awardees: Mr. Carl Cunanan, Editorial and Managing Director of C! Magazine and Ms. Lisa Gokongwei-Cheng, President of Summit Media (second from right)

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Heirloom jewelry is displayed next to organic veggies at Green Market, the city's most unique arts and crafts market

By [illegible]
Contributor

ANTIQUE SILVER, estate jewelry, heirloom lace, and organic personal care products or [illegible] homemade delicatessen products, bespoke teas, vegetarian cuisine, authentic Cantonese dim sum, and a pasta station.

The Green Market in Whitespace is a portable market held every first Sunday of the month. Today it's open from noon to 8 p.m.

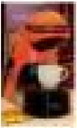
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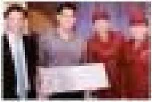






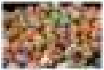
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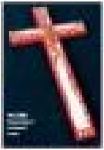












OFW as 'Buhay na patay'

> Kids who grow up without a mother's touch may end up on the other side of society, the side you don't want

> The OFWs are like the Chilean miners—trapped, 'trying to normalize their situation, giving it a routine, a structure and a purpose'

Sunday LifeStyle Travel



Cruising to 'nowhere'—with lots to do



On board Celebrity Cruises' luxury cruise ship Eclipse—which even has its own Apple store!—the journey is as much fun as the destination

By Alex Y. Vergara

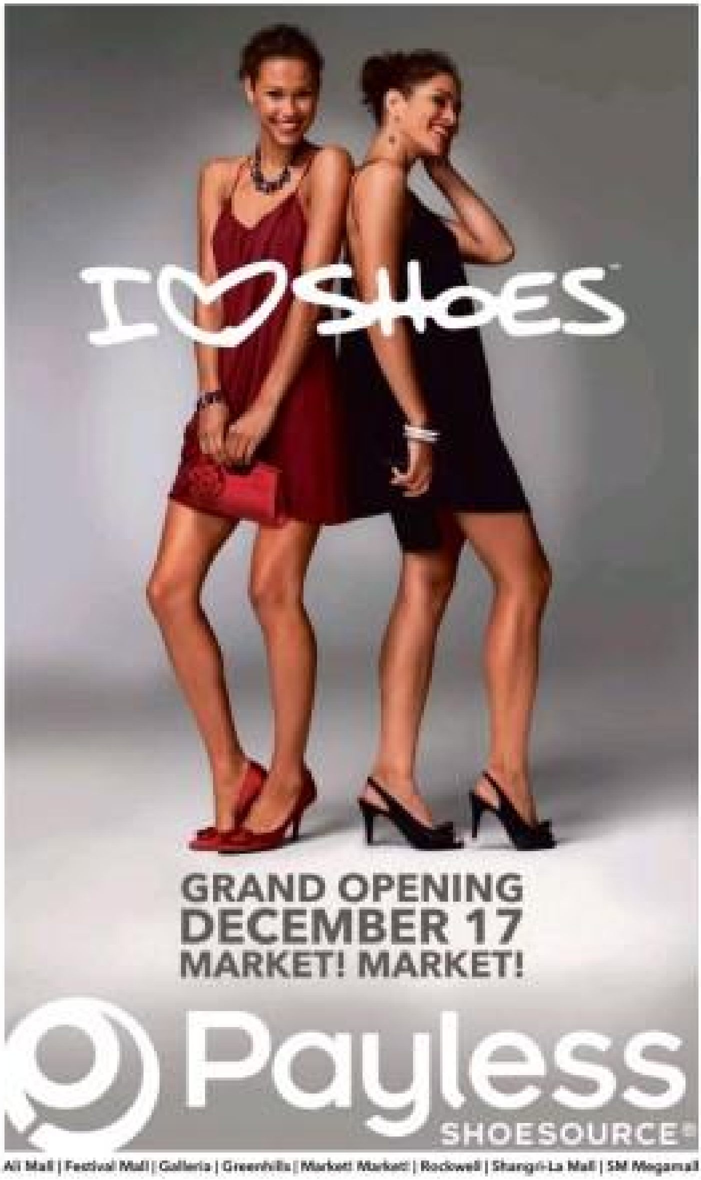
SINCE THE very purpose of a cruise is for the ship's passengers to enjoy its many amenities as it sails off to unknown lands, a so-called "cruise to nowhere" may sound surreal, even funny. After all, apart from the ship itself, part of a cruise's allure is its destination.

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European cruise

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CRUISING F4



Win back your Macbook at National Book Store Work Station





National Book Store recently inaugurated Work Station, which is its section specifically dedicated to cater to all your office needs.

National Book Store has always been the definitive place for all school and office supply needs. However, Work Station further enhances this completeness by adding office equipment such as computers, printers, scanners, cabinets, tables and chairs as well as the latest addition to National Book Store's growing array of products—Apple computers.

Trina Alindogan, Regional Manager of National Book Store, points out that "National Book Store's Work Station carries the full line of Apple products including MacBooks, iMacs, iPods and accessories. We basically have everything including the new MacBook Air and the latest iPods. And needless to say, we are very excited about Apple products."

Currently, only the store in Glorietta 5 carries the full array of products with other stores being able to do special orders. But plans are already underway to further expand the distribution of Apple products to other Work Station stores.

As a special launch offering, anyone who buys a MacBook laptop at any Work Station from December 11, 2010 to January 31, 2011, will get the chance to win back the amount of their purchase. Promo valid for all MacBook laptop models only. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 8089 Series of 2010.

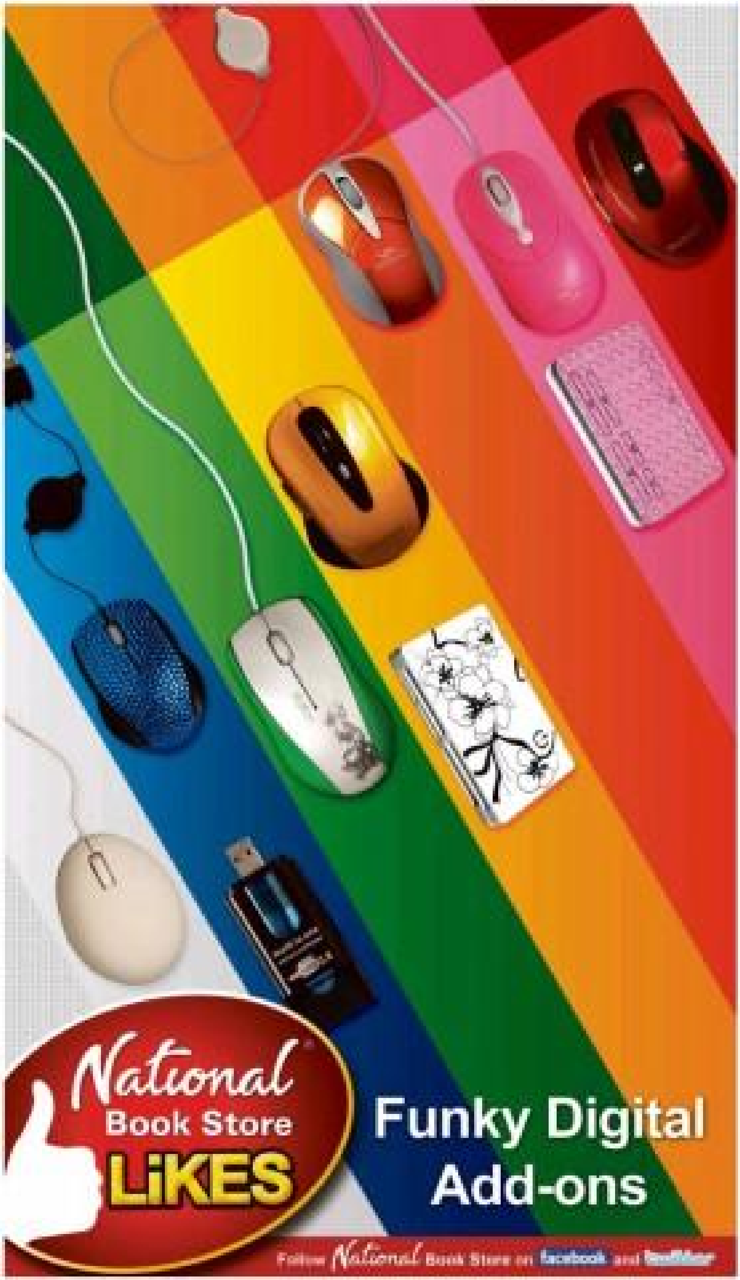
Work Station now has 5 branches. It is located inside National Book Store in Glorietta 5, SM Calamba and SM San Pablo. It also has two stand alone stores in Glorietta 3 and Market! Market!

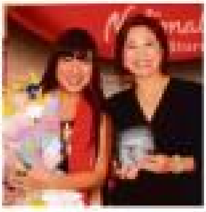


Pac-man Moleskine Special Edition Now Available!

Thirty years ago, Japanese gaming house Namco® created Pac-Man, the hungriest video game hero of all time. Not just an international smash hit, but a pop-culture icon of the Eighties, Moleskine celebrates its anniversary with a limited edition series featuring cover art and mini stickers. The five-piece collection includes pocket and large hard cover notebooks, both plain and ruled, and a colorful set of 4 large Volant soft cover notebooks in celebrative packaging.

The hard cover notebooks are decorated with pixilated imagery that includes Pac-Man, ghost characters, fruit imagery and classical video game lines such as "Game Over", "Insert Coin", and "High Score." The soft cover Volant pack includes four different colored books (yellow, blue, fuchsia, red) with an embossed silver Pac-Man icon on each notebook. The Pac-Man Moleskine is exclusively available in select National Book Store branches. Visit the Moleskine Flagship Shop at National Book Store Greenbelt 1.





Learn how to be more confident at National Book Store

Imagine yourself standing in front of a crowd and being asked to deliver a speech. It could go two ways - either they listen intently or pay no attention to you. Captivating Communication teaches the art of speaking with confidence and captivating an audience.

Written by Carelle Lee Mangaliag, the book will teach readers the art and science of High Impact Communication, using principles applied in theater, comedy and the science of human behavior, through Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP). NLP is the study of how different people are from one another and how to communicate with different personalities more effectively.

Carelle Mangaliag is the founder and chief motivator of Motivating Minds, which provides NLP training in the Philippines. She has been training Top 1000 corporations and SME's for the past 15 years including Shell, Wyeth, L'Oreal, Aventis-Sanofi and, Johnson and Johnson. She is also a master weight loss coach and a certified emotional and social intelligence coach. Dubbed as the "Love Guru," she has been coaching politicians and celebrities to improve their love lives.

Captivating Communication is available for P333 in select National Book Store branches. Follow National Book Store on Facebook and Twitter for exclusive offers and contests.





MARTINI Bar

Why Pinoys like cruises

Cruising to 'nowhere'...





'Solsticize'

Longer cruises

Designer dishes



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Reality show: wife catches mistress—now on YouTube







Festival to highlight Mindoro as eco-cultural heritage island

The Malasimbo Music and Arts Festival builds on Puerto Galera's natural beauty





GUESTS lounging on the terraces



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Reality show: wife catches . . .

Preferential treatment at coffee place



Now, not only shoes, but bags, too



LADY LUXE by Parisian offers vintage-inspired lace and structured bags.

PARISIAN, SM's well-loved shoe line, now has a line of bags to complement the footwear.

The bags offer modern shapes, bold designs and eye-catching details. These affordable bags come in three trends—Bucket Beautiful, The Skin Thing and Lady Luxe.

Bucket Beautiful bags have '70s boho appeal—spacious and versatile, their colors range from the classic to the brilliant.

The Skin Thing uses faux croc and skin, from croc to snakeskin. The handbags and totes are playful and exotic.

Lady Luxe bags are vintage-inspired clutch and structured bags that merge classic details like lace and quilting with modern touches like double chain straps and metal locks.

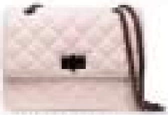
The Bucket Beautiful and The Skin Thing collections are now available at the SM Department Store, while Lady Luxe bags will be in the stores in the days to come.



MUSTARD faux snakeskin structured handbag



FAUX leather messenger bag



WHITE Chanel quilted purse with double chain strap



MULTITASKING woven bucket bag with front zipper pocket



CHLOE bucket bag



RED chain-strap handbag with metal closure



WHITE Crocodile faux snakeskin Parisian bag



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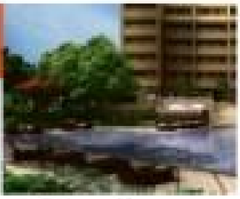
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Gadgets and games shop holds promo

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Coping terribly with my Christmas gift list

Mid-December is crunch time! I have to decorate our house, shop for gifts and still find time to host events and whatnot



TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

Sizzling gifts







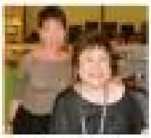




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Most-awaited UST concert

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MERALCO'S A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS REACHES OUT TO KIDS IN NEED

LIGHTING UP THE FUTURE FOR CHILDREN



Leading the lighting ceremonies are (from right to left) Meralco Senior Executive Vice President and COO Oscar S. Reyes, Meralco Chairman Manolo M. Lopez, Department of Energy (DOE) Undersecretary [illegible], Meralco President and Chief Executive Officer Manuel V. Pangilinan [illegible]



Mr. Pangilinan and Mr. Lopez, together with other Meralco officials, arrive at the event.



Mr. Lopez poses with the Meralco Bolts PBA team.



Mr. Pangilinan, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Reyes and Fr. Anton C.T. Pascual of Caritas Manila watch entertainment numbers during the event.



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Home to nine-year-old Elvie of Caloocan is the cold pavement where her family stays for the night, shielded only by a plastic covering that serves as a roof. Like most street families, hers is constantly on the move. She would beg just to have something for breakfast. In her young life, she has never known [illegible].

Also nine years old, Ruby of Pasay started vending when she was six to help her mother feed their brood of six. Fatherless and constantly in need, she struggles to balance studying with selling banana cue, camote cue and kakanin. Daily, she sells about P[illegible] worth of foodstuff, from which she receives P10 as commission.

Lyn is a 13-year-old student from Laguna living in a special home in Cubao for sexually abused children. Her father and sister died within months of each other, tragic events that broke her mother's fragile state of mind. Practically orphaned, she found herself under the care of a volunteer group where she was maltreated and molested. Her memories of Christmas are sad.

Elvie, Ruby and Lyn were among 100 children who were the special guests during the Grand Lighting Event of Meralco, where the whole Meralco compound was lit up and opened to the public – ushering in the season of hope and sharing. They are also recipients of Meralco's assistance extended to various orphanages, charities and DSWD projects.

Top officials of the country's largest power distributor, led by President and CEO Manny V. Pangilinan, Chairman Manolo M. Lopez and COO Oscar S. Reyes, welcomed the kids to the opening of Toy Town, which features a life-size electric train and toddle homes, as well as Pasko-han village with its giant parol made of recycled copper wire.

The lighting event formally opened the transformed Meralco grounds to the public for young and old alike to experience an enchanting evening of lights, sounds and rides – all for free, of course. Most of all, the event brought smiles to the faces of Elvie, Ruby and Lyn – for whom the Meralco compound was especially lit.

"[illegible] DSWD," says 10-year-old Jo of Pasay who has been separated from his parents who broke up several years ago.

Launched in 2007, "A Delightful Christmas" was designed to spread cheer and share the spirit of the season with less privileged children from selected institutions, orphanages and charities. The kids are treated to fun and games, mascot shows, rides in the electric train and gift-giving.

Meralco Senior Vice President Alfredo S. Panlilio, who heads Customer Retail Services & Corporate Marketing and Communications, is glad that the company is able to reach out to the needy especially during the Yuletide season.

"In line with our tradition of service excellence, we extend a helping hand to the less privileged not only during Christmas in our desire to inspire those who have less to hope for more," he says.

This year, Meralco is partnering with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), ChildHope Asia, the Lopez [illegible] Foundation, and Caritas Manila to enable marginalized children get a fresh start in life.

Among the company's Christmas initiatives is its annual Maliwanag ang Pasko (MaP) Christmas décor and lighting campaign. Started in 2008, the campaign seeks to encourage Meralco's residential customers to light up and decorate their homes to spread the beauty and joy of Christmas in their neighborhood.

For this year's campaign, Meralco will recognize the nine brightest and best decorated homes all over the Meralco franchise with an award of P35,000 each. As in the past, Meralco will donate the same amount to chosen partner charitable institutions.

Meralco has also launched its "MaP Village for a Cause" program, an inter-village decoration and lighting competition where a number of subdivisions are requested to decorate and illuminate designated areas in their communities. Homeowners are encouraged to pitch in and help their villages.

Meralco Senior Assistant Vice President [illegible], head of Marketing Programs, says the winning village will receive P100,000 and will be given the option to utilize the prize money for their community projects or to share the winnings with Meralco's partner charitable associations.

As an added feature this year, the company's team in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) – the Meralco Bolts – has been designated special ambassadors of goodwill for the season. They participated in the outreach programs playing "Kuya" to the kids and sharing the spirit of Christmas.

Fr. Anton Pascual, Executive Director of Caritas Manila, is thankful that Meralco has partnered with the Catholic social arm to help its more than 4,000 scholars complete their education.

"We feel privileged that a company with a strong track record in corporate social responsibility decided to join our efforts to secure a bright future for young Filipinos in need," he says.

Bright future, indeed, is what Meralco aspires for – not only for its franchise which it has energized by providing reliable electric power, but also for the entire Filipino nation whose progress it seeks to enable.

For Meralco, the future of Elvie, Ruby, Lyn, Jo and thousands more like them [illegible] can be much brighter – if everyone shares, which is the essence of Christmas.

Meralco's aspiration is best summed up in Lyn's prayer during the lighting event where she asks – "[illegible]"



'TIS THE SEASON OF SHINE AT THE PODIUM

Jewelry is often called a gift of love because of its timeless and precious qualities. And this Christmas, give your loved one – or reward yourself with – a gift of sparkle and shine from The Podium's jewelry stores. Whether it's glowing with gold, dazzling with diamonds, or prettying up with pearls, you'll add more sparkle to that special someone with fine jewelry from Gordon Max, Diamant, Goldworks, Hoseki, La Elegancia, Michelis, Miladay, and Orogem at The Podium.

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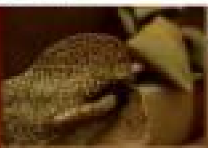
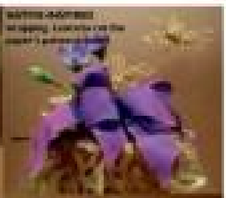
Meet high society's 'secret' gift wrapper

That her creations have reached the Palace certainly sets apart Portia Leuterio's brand of packaging

By Annelle S. Tayao

IF YOU'RE done with your holiday shopping, then congratulations, you've moved on to the next phase of Christmas—wrapping presents. But if it's become a yearly chore, take inspiration from [illegible] Portia Eleona Leuterio, who has enjoyed packaging

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Not a business

'Instructive' materials

Bangkok beckons–again

Bargains and shopping, sweet fruits and spicy food, flowers and Buddhist temples, confounding traffic and street signs–welcome to the 'City of Angels' in various guises

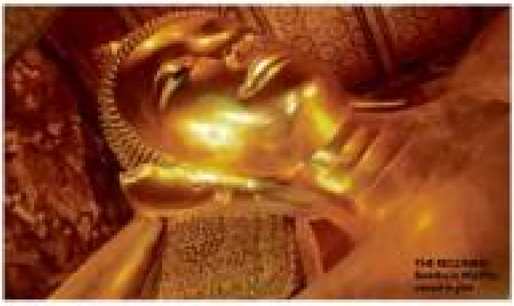


Food market

Jim Thompson legacy



THE JIM THOMPSON House in Bangkok



Alexander Schill to Chair Direct Jury Warren Brown to Lead Promo & Activation Jury at Cannes Lions 2011



Warren Brown



Alexander Schill

Bangkok beckons–again



THE HORIZON boat of Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok



OR TOR KOR market in Bangkok

Luxurious boat ride

Best Pad Thai in town

CHINESE ACROBATS THIS CHRISTMAS:

A Holiday Treat of Culture and Art





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Developing real estate property—the Jeffrey Campos way

Society knows him as the unconventional businessman. A Marian devotee, the scion explains why he believes he's doing God's work by introducing 'intelligent homes' to the Philippines



CAMPOS with EVP and GM [illegible] amid the high-tech comforts of a [illegible] Place model unit

By [illegible]

JEFFREY CAMPOS is not a conventional developer. While his colleagues are in business suits and barongs, he wears long-sleeved shirts accessorized with healing beads on his wrists and neck. Strands of Tibetan beads, pearls and a cross, which he uses to heal people, are hidden underneath his shirt.

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Intelligent home

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DEVELOPING /H2

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sold as a "future-ready home."

The 40-story twin tower development will rise in the Greenfield District, a mixed-use development center in Mandaluyong City.

Twin Oaks Place is making a bid to be a triumph of home automation, allowing inhabitants to control security, lighting, air-conditioning, curtains and a home theater on the Internet. The user may do this everything off a smart phone, a laptop or iPad.

For OFWs, the target market, the telepresence works like Skype, on real time. It gives the feeling that you're talking to the person in the same room.

Asked if selling 750 units is a little too much for a saturated condominium market, Campos remains optimistic. "There are 10 million OFWs. The demand for units is strong."

Then, there are also buyers who can afford two or three condos and give one to their relatives.

A 33-sq m studio with a 2.8-m high ceiling starts at P2.2 million, while a 44-sq m unit will cost less than P4 million. The buyer gets the basic automated lock system with the code; the other appliances come with additional costs.

"It will be a well-made condo with a real plan for the future of the buyer. With fiber optic technology, they can use their mobile phones to see what happens in their unit, or to express their boyfriend or intimate fantasies recording it's ready."



CAMPOS' furnished studio model unit designed by Dan Lichauco. The wall unit is a space saver that becomes a table.



CAMPOS with a scale model of Twin Oaks Place in Greenfield District.

God's gift

Greenfield District is a significant project. Yeston explains that in the past, Greenfield kept a low profile, putting such positions on Ayala Land and Campos Properties to the franchise. During Campos' time, Greenfield Development Corporation is launching products on its own.

Formerly a grassland, Greenfield District will be built with five offices, retail spaces, and 12 residential buildings, all connected by elevated walkways. The development defends Campos' iconoclastic image.

Campos says he has been involved with Greenfield Development Corporation since 1978, at age 18. Whenever he felt lonely as a teenager, he would drive to Marawing and Soro in Calamba, Laguna, to commune with nature.

His father's staff would reprimand him for missing his territory. Still, the elder Campos had the vision to purchase the properties. Today, it is a luxurious property called the Ayala Greenfield Estates.

In 1995, the younger Campos acquired a large lot in Ampiuyon, where the Ayala Greenfield Golf Course and Leisure Club is located. Campos manages Greenfield's properties in Santa Rosa; Greenfield District and Twin Oaks, Premiere Residential Park and Soleil Residences in Sta. Rosa.

Back in the '90s, Campos was handling Terra Fortuna, the high-end subdivision in Sta. Rosa. Campos was struggling with his house when a [illegible] that work had to take a back seat.

But real estate remained his calling. "Greenfield is the Lord's concern because I was doing what He wanted."

More than five years ago, Campos convinced his father and his partner M.R. Tan to develop Greenfield District. "I told my dad that he was too conservative. If he wanted Greenfield to earn, it should not be subsidized by Unilab. It wasn't until we took over that it developed."

The original plan was done in 1993 by no less than I.M. Pei.

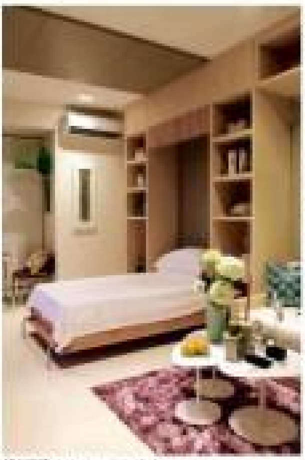
However, neighboring landowners opposed the plan. "People were worried that they would lose their big lots. They did not understand that they could go vertical. My father was trying to work things out with other landowners, but the plan died a natural death. My dad gave me the authority to take over, but he died. It took six months before I became chairman of the board. At that time, as things changed. From 200 hectares, it became only 11 hectares," he says.

When Campos launched Greenfield District, he hoped to acquire the neighboring properties. Instead, these other [illegible] put up some competition by launching their own condos.

Campos is confident about Twin Oaks Place because of its innovation and premium positioning.



MODEL unit by Dan Lichauco shows hidden storage for the bed and table.



AT NIGHT, storage opens into a bed.

Family connection

Campos is a good negotiator, Yeston says. "He'll give so much to his customers as he can in terms of quality of the work. As a boss, he is relentless: he'll make sure he'll get things done the way he wants. He knows he can deliver quality better than the competition."

Campos is modest. "My parents refused to let us be high profile. My dad was very conservative. Even in Manor, must be refused to have his picture taken. Not that he didn't want to be associated with him; he was just shy. He believed that the business became successful not because of Joe Campos, but because of his people. This is how I build my group."

Campos credits his father for the expansion of his real estate business. "We planned Twin Oaks in 2008. Before we could do it, the market crashed. People asked, how do you know when to do it? My father was the guide. There is such a thing as a connection with a loved one.

"My father and I understood each other. Like any family, there are misunderstandings, but in the end, you know they meant well."

Between business meetings, Campos hosts a program on Radyo Veritas, "Mary Kay Maria."

"I'd rather be interviewed about Mama Mary," he says, downloading a photo of the famous Our Lady of Fatima in his BlackBerry phone. "She opens and closes her mouth, shows her teeth, cries, and changes color. She sends messages of what she wants and how she feels. The first major message of healing was in February 2005, when she cried in the Pasig Cathedral after it happened. But that's another story."

Holiday family festivities—Baguio-style

FROM DEC. 17 to Jan. 1, 2011, The Manor prepares a series of outdoor family activities. A walk to Santa's Village allows visitors a glimpse of Santa's colorful community. The Children's Carnival offers giant inflatable installations for kids to play in. The Kiddie Corner will also host kiddie treats such as an ice cream parlor, a hotdog stand, and apple strudels and cotton candies at the Gazebo.

For shopaholics, the Bazaar at The Manor carries native handicrafts and souvenir items, and traditional delicacies such as [illegible].

The Lantern Exhibit, meanwhile, has parols on display, and from 6 to 9 p.m., there's Christmas Rock and Roll.

At the Singing Christmas Tree, angelic voices from the University of Baguio and Baguio City High School will serenade guests with traditional and Filipino Christmas songs. The Puppet Show (Dec. 17) and The Nutcracker Show (Dec. 18 and 23) brings to life well-loved characters of legend and modern tales.

Santa will also read out children's wishes at The Manor Lobby on Dec. 19 in "Mon Coeur Santa." More Christmas music is in store at the Spirit of Christmas Fest featuring Christmas carols (Dec. 17 to 26), and at Holly Jingle on Harp—an early morning serenade at Le Chef @ The Manor (Dec. 18 to 25).

Misa de Aguinaldo will be celebrated on Christmas and New Year's Eve from 5 to 6 p.m.

Happy Hour at The Piano Bar is from 6 to 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. nightly from Dec. 17 to Jan. 1, 2011. Baguio's best bands—Whitman, Jonny and Jun, Sirena Band, Oh Cali Woods and Samahan—will be on hand to provide the cool rhythms.

Chef Billy King has prepared a selection of favorite holiday treats for Le Chef @ The Manor's "Traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Dinner"—for P1,750 per person.

Finally, the New Year's Eve Countdown Dinner (P2,800 per person) treats diners to party favors and entertainment, New Year countdown, musical fireworks display and a selection of beverages to toast 2011.

Those into sweet treats can troop to the Gingerbread House at Le Chef Deli for goodies in a real gingerbread house.

For the outdoorsy types, there's The Manor's Bird Watching Tour, where endemic bird species can be observed with the assistance of a forest ranger. The Eco Walk allows a relaxing stroll through lush woodlands and beautiful gardens. A visit to the Butterfly Sanctuary is another option. Or one can climb a pony and ride forest trails and pathways dotted by pines.



Then, the whole family can enter the year with a Grand Picnic Week at The Junction Picnic Grove of Camp John Hay.

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Cofradia's 31st Marian procession a glorious expression of faith



NUESTRA Señora de Dolores de Turumba is swayed from left to right by the people of Pakil.

THE WHOLE town of Pakil, Laguna, danced to the beat of "Sa Birhen" (to the Virgin) as the Nuestra Señora de Dolores de Turumba carried on andas was swayed from left to right in front of Manila Cathedral on the evening of Dec. 5.

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Our Lady of Namacpacan

Our Lady of Guibang

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Simbang Gabi in Staten Island

Placing integrity before excellence



SOLE living founder Gloria Lazaro Manzon, '33, made it to her 100th birthday as the sorority's 77th anniversary accompanied by her family of three-generation Sigma Deltans: daughter Bea Manzon, '55, granddaughters Bengzie Miyaga, '92, and Iris Bonifacio, '77.

By Lynett A. Villariba

ONE OF the secrets of women aging gracefully is that when there is an opportunity, they re-bond with old classmates, colleagues and friends who have seen the best and the worst of their days. It is most important to be in the company of those who continue to inspire, if not amaze us.

That is what the Sigma Delta Phi Alumnae Association (SDPAA) did: create an annual gathering where sorority members—from age 18 to 100, from across the university-wide system to the world—would pay tribute to accomplished women and relive the joys of sisterhood.

It is a kind of sisterhood that blossomed from the day we bared our ideals and tribulations in our college youth, participating in organization work or musical play, in between running a paper chase or a college degree. The ties are not exclusive to one sorority; it is what we share with all women in the broader university of life. An organization may only differ in providing deeper opportunities for growth.

Most of us would recall realities in every gathering that we survived the university—through the turbulent '70s on to a democracy in progress—because we girls never took the focus out of serious activities. Even as we may see each other on the other side of the political fence, bonding never ceased to amaze.

In the past decade, we have made a special date to get together in tribute to the sorority's remaining living founder, Gloria Lazaro Manzon, batch 1933, whose grit and resilience have made it possible for us to celebrate her 100th birthday on the same day.



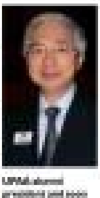
CHILDREN of Betty Go-Belmonte—Philippine Star CEO Miguel and Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte—with Linda Gamboa make up the BGB Awards Committee.



PROVIDING young music: Iris Bonifacio, '77; Cely Bueno-Corpus, '65; Nancy Reyes-Lumen, '72; Elvira Manarco, Jane Manarco-Cheddar and Annie Dee, '73



FORMER Sen. Eva Estrada Kalaw with stage actress Joy Gamboa Virata, '53



UPAA alumni president and soon-to-be UP president Fred Pascual

As Winnie Monsod, '58, (the year she entered the sorority) walked up to greet the centenarian wheelchair-bound. The tito who had just survived a bout with pneumonia, she planted a loving, gentle peck on her forehead rarely seen in public of the feisty newspaper columnist and TV commentator. It is the kind of respect that inspires. I am almost sure that it was the same "integrity before excellence" the sorority founder instilled that inspired the economics professor to pass it on to her students in the famous "Sec sinas an" recently.

There were other honors to make for the SDPAA Working Mom awardees through the past 77 years, given to those who exhibited integrity and excellence in their fields like Monsod herself, former Sen. Eva Estrada Kalaw; retired Justice Leonor Ines Luciano, '38; lawyer Charito Planas, '50; mentor of Salbelita Tina Badalo; designer Joy Gamboa Virata, '53, and others who made it to the affair.

There were winners to be conferred the Betty Go-Belmonte Awards in partnership with her children Philippine Star CEO Miguel and Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy.

The occasion was meaningful as "we took some time off to salute the accomplished ones as role models for our younger generation," cited SDPAA president Gigi Taoboh, '80.



CHARITO Planas, '50, in red fighting form



MARBING Maya 2008 awardee entrepreneur Pacita Chit Juan, '73



SIGMA Delta Phi Alumnae Association president and board chair Dr. Lygaya Lualhati 'Badadi', '86, delivers her welcome address.



CHEF, food connoisseur, singer Nancy Reyes Lumen, '72

Sunday LifeStyle Travel

Marveling at Maria Cristina

Lots of local color, delicious 'lechon,' and the fabled waterfalls are enough reason to 'bring a friend' to Iligan City



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Marveling at Maria Cristina



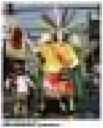


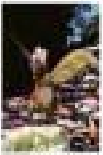


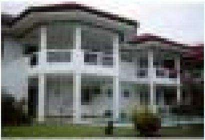






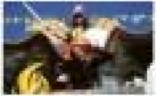




















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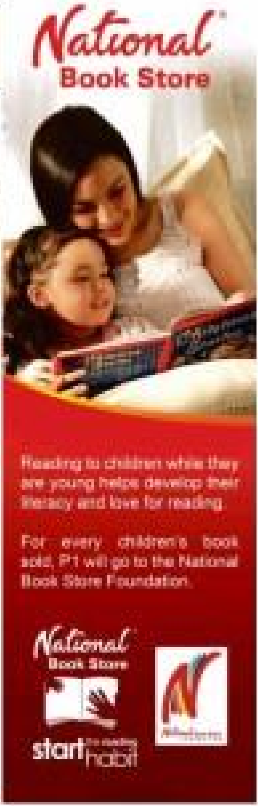












Marveling at Maria Cristina

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AT CHEDENG'S Peanuts factory





THE FAITHFUL in the Cathedral



ETHNIC performance at Anahaw Amphitheater



ILIGAN Mayor Lawrence Ll. Cruz



ANGELIC performance



RELIGIOUS fervor





HEAVENLY choir in "Comedia de San Miguel"

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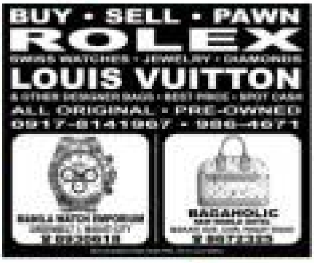
Laguna troupe shines in world folk dance tilt

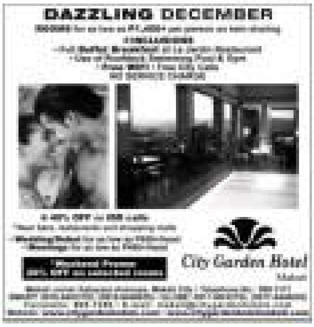
Go holiday shopping in Hong Kong

Sunday LifeStyle

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TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

Diamond Hotel Philippines recently kicked off the Christmas season with a tree-lighting ceremony held at the hotel lobby. [illegible]

WHAT'S UP

Checking out the flea market this season

TIENDESITAS on Frontera Verde in Pasig City is a very large flea market and theme park that attracts tourists and foreign shoppers especially during Christmas. [illegible]

New Year Reflections

[illegible]

Alumni homecoming set

[illegible]

Seminar on gift-wrapping

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Christmas Gift Basket





Holiday gift baskets: a must this season



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Zany, unique gift wrap ideas



Nifty gift wraps add to the excitement of giving and receiving gifts. Gift packaging can either reveal or conceal the content of the box or the bag. There are resourceful and creative ways to wrap gifts, unless, you have all the time to spend waiting in line in department stores and gift shops that offer free gift wrapping services for your purchases.

Here are some ways to create seasonal gift bags and wrappers. Now, patience is the key here. Don't expect a perfect art and craft at first try and hopefully by your 10th gift, you have already mastered the perfect - and neat - gift wrap.

Tie a yellow ribbon, or not

While bow ribbon still conveys some classic feeling, it has somehow become a little too dated. When in a crafts store (or bookstore), grab some colorful miniature things that will go with any gift wrapper. Knot it with thin ribbon and make it the focal point of the box.

Old or new lockets (they need not be the expensive ones) make for a perfect topper [illegible] gift tag. Write the giftee's name on it, and if he or she is truly special why not include a photo. If it's not heartwarming then [illegible] what is.

Beads are the most helpful in making toppers for gifts whether in a box or tube. They can be knotted to [illegible], the desired form if you like and make a [illegible] ribbon. If you want it in a more different way just paste the beads onto a plain gift wrap. You can make names, outlines of cartoon characters, flowers, or anything you like.

Another replacement for traditional ribbon is the sequined strings. It's kinda messy to work on but with the dazzling colors, your gift will definitely deserve an undivided attention.

> 'There's still time to head off to shopping malls or just look around your house, there is a huge possibility that that one item that caught your attention will make a useful gift wrapping aid'

Mummified box

It's almost Christmas and you haven't done any gift-wrapping. Those colorful [illegible] will come in handy, [illegible] box can look like a 'mummified' box when you surround it with all the [illegible] paper. It may look like [illegible] but it will definitely catch attention. Just make sure that you have [illegible] patience in doing it and buy only the most dependable brand so the [illegible] will last for days.

Unbearable excitement

Make the excitement more unbearable by burying the gift into more content. [illegible] [illegible] but if your gift is worth it, then the content is definitely worth it. Also, you can make use of paper or colored paper in your office or even those really less expensive tissue papers in supermarkets. Then recycle the content again [illegible], [illegible] on New Year's Eve.

Mantle of protection

Glass gifts are usually wrapped in the [illegible] old newspapers. That is not only old-fashioned and unimaginative but a little tacky, actually. Why not use those plaid or printed shawl or thick cloth. The gift will not only look expensive but you get to give two useful gifts.

No matter how ordinary the gift is, be it a mug, scented candle, spoon, or what many people call as 'the national Christmas gift' the picture frame, you can always make it an exotic [illegible] with cool or even crazy gift wraps. There's still time to head off to shopping malls or just look around your house, there is huge possibility that that one item that caught your attention will make a useful gift wrapping aid. Maricel [illegible]



Safe, energy-efficient Christmas adornments



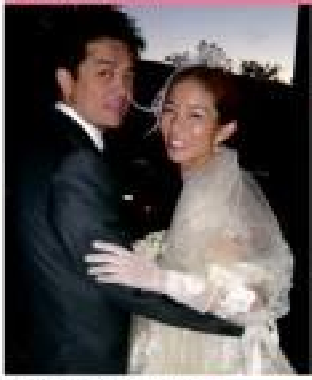


Food, music and holiday packages





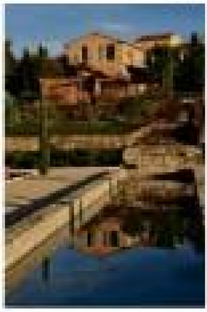




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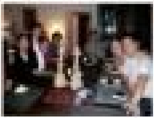
Leica and Martin's *perfect Provencal wedding*

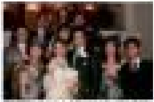
'For love, everything' was the bride's mother's advice. Everything did come together that night—including friends turned into an instant "Glee" choir



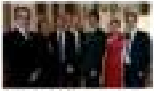






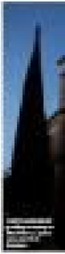


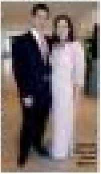






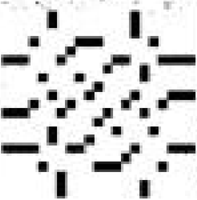
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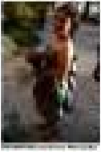




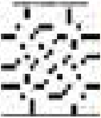


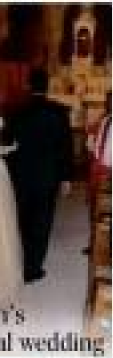
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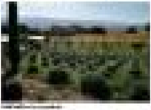




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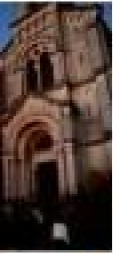


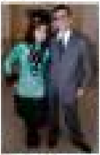


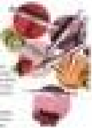


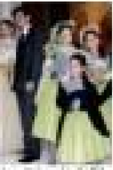


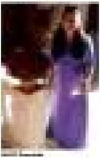














Should she give up on the husband who left her and their child?

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcos



> You already got a souvenir from him–a son and his name. Enough already

My 'Lego Girl' wins an essay–and stirs precious memories

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Guballa



> Dad was an English major who ended up in business. I'm sure he would have been tickled pink at his granddaughter's win



LEGO girl



PRA and Joaquin

Willing audience

Meaningful win

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CHEER FACTOR

'Emir' bags Best Artistic Award in Cairo film fest



Clash of the show biz titans, exodus times 3

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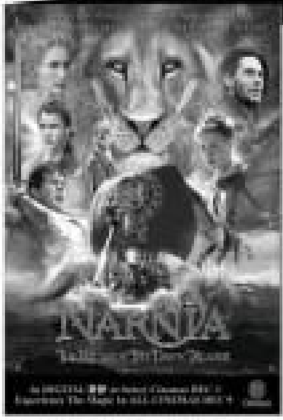




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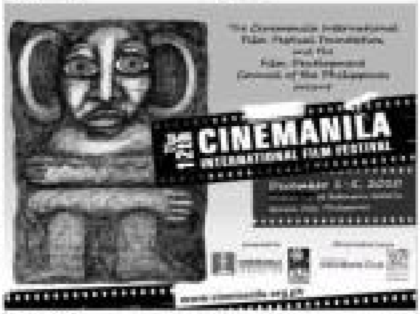
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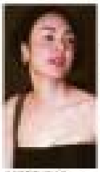
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Clash of the show biz titans



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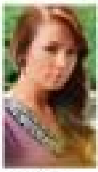
Hunk with a past



GRETCHEN Barretto

Dolphy's last!

Proud mom



Straight English

Clash of the show biz titans





Out of bounds

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Unequal footing



ROBIN Padilla



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Happy birthday!

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ENTERTAINMENT



Angelina more balanced, 'but still wild at heart'

Sensational young actress in Coen brothers' new film is part Filipina

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Ruben V. Nepales

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Down-to-earth

Five takes



ANGELINA Jolie



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Stars should reinvent themselves

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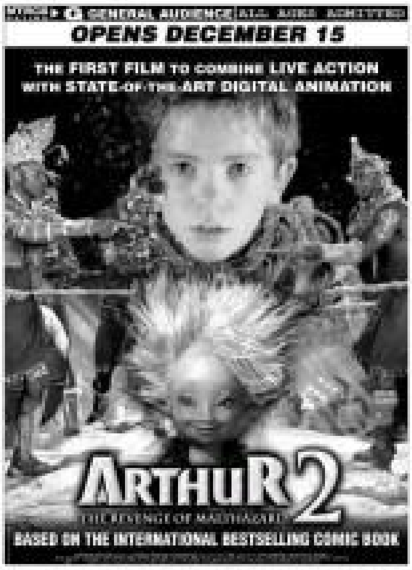
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Many local actors now direct: Gina Alajar, Eric Quizon...





Angelina Jolie: 'I'm a little more balanced but just as wild at heart'





Controversial debut

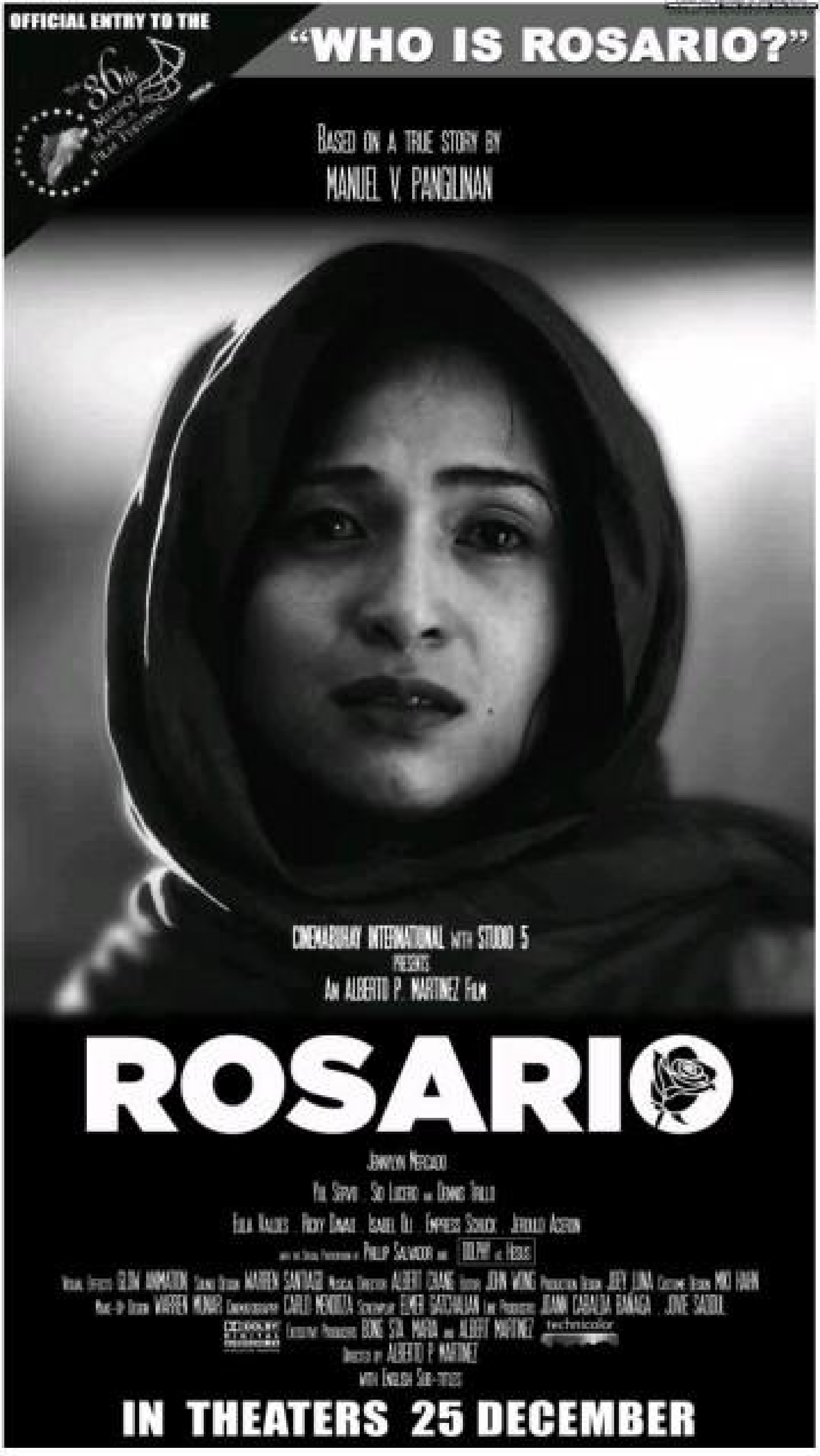
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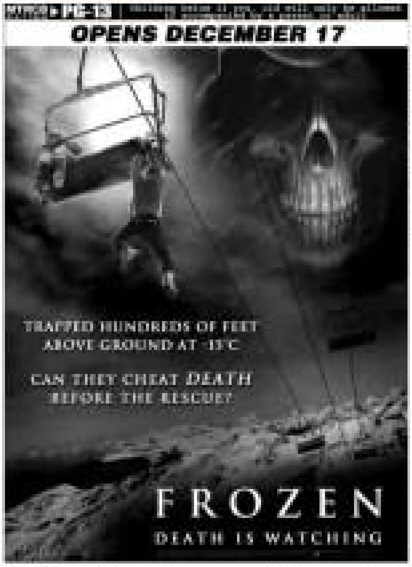
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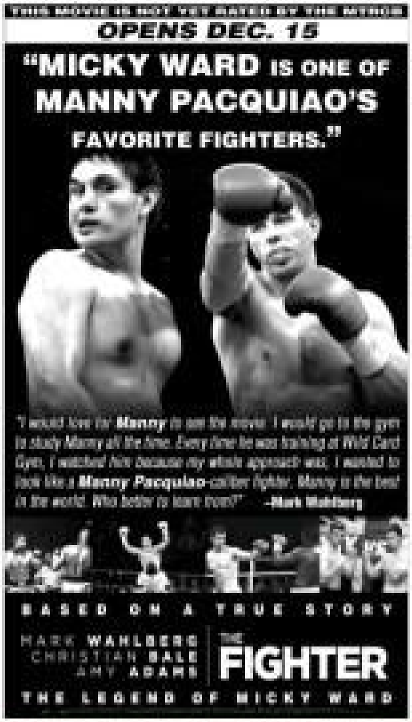
Three from PH, Singapore, Thailand weigh in Tuesday







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'Idol' Adam Lambert on 'Talk Asia'

